

SUMMARY

HA-1255

James Gosier House
Main Street
Darlington, MD 21034

A replacement for a ca. 1880 house that burned down in 1818, nevertheless the James Gosier House is an interesting artifact of early 20th century Darlington. The broader proportions, bellcast mansard roof, shed-roofed dormers, and sparer design date the James Gosier House as later than its two neighbors. The George Whitelock House (HA-1256) and the Finney-Galbreath House (HA-1253). As such, it represents the next stage in the evolution of taste among the substantial middle class citizens of Darlington.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

James Gosier House

2 LOCATION

West side of Main Street, Darlington.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY
Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. James Gosier

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 154

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21034**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

4A-1255

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story clapboard house with a mansard roof is on the west side of Main Street in Darlington.

Facing east, the house, set on a stuccoed foundation, is three bays wide and two bays deep with a two-story, partially-enclosed porch on the west side. In all sides but the latter are shed-roofed dormers containing two four-light windows. Other windows generally have 2/2 sash and louvered shutters. There is one brick interior chimney, slightly north of center. The principal--or east--facade is spanned by a hip-roofed porch with tapered columns and a railing with square balusters. In the north bay is an entrance, flanked by two full-length windows on the south. The entrance has plain side lights and a three-light transom. The three windows in the second story are not aligned with the first story openings. The north end has two windows in each story. The south end has a two-story bay window in the westernmost bay, flanked on the east by two windows in each story.

The two-story porch on the west side is enclosed in the first story and partially open in the second.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present house dates from the second decade of the twentieth century, when a ca. 1880 house burned down. Like the neighboring George Whitelock House (HA-1256) and the Finney-Galbreath House (HA-1253), the lot was part of a 16-acre parcel that Miles Crow had acquired in 1866 from Oliver Warfield and subsequently subdivided.¹ The land was part of the tract "Philips Purchase" owned by Thomas C. Stump and sold by his widow in 1864 to the Warfields.²

In 1883, Miles Crow sold this lot in Darlington to Ellen Dallam for \$256.18.³ In 1904, Ellen Dallam (now a widow) sold the rear half of the lot to Edwin and J. Fletcher Hopkins;⁴ in 1906, the latter acquired her half of the lot;⁵ and, in 1919, a lot from Wm. B. Selfe⁶ (owner of a hardware store and blacksmith shop). In 1946, he sold all three parcels to Mac Hill and Mary Edmonson.⁷

In conjunction with its two neighbors, the George Whitelock and Finney-Galbreath Houses, this house represents the next step in the evolution of the Darlington middle class vernacular. The broader proportions, bellcast mansard roof, shed-roofed dormers, and sparer design date this house as later, but it remains a logical successor to the adjacent two houses.

1. Liber WHD 17, Folio 177
2. Liber WHD 15, Folio 30
3. Liber ALJ 49, Folio 295
4. Liber WSF 113, Folio 202
5. Liber WSF 120, Folio 36
6. Liber JAR 164, Folio 233
7. Liber GCB 296, Folio 406

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will and equity records of Harford County

Portrait and Biographical Sketches of Harford & Cecil Counties, New York, 1897

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

11/79

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

JAMES GOSIER HOUSE

Title Search

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1.	1070/687	August 4, 1978	Grantor: John Franklin Sauers & wife, Ruth Jeanette Sauers Grantee: L. James & Donna E. Gosier Sum: \$56,000 Acreage: 0.754 Acres
2.	HDC 891/157	February 4, 1972	Grantor: Stewart Day, Rep. of estate of L. Goldie Smith (dec. April 7, 1971; Will-TLA 32/295) Grantee: John Franklin Sauers & wife, Ruth Jeanette Sauers Acreage: 0.754 Acres
3.	GLB 296/407	June 3, 1946	Grantor: Mac Hill & Mary R. Edmonson Grantee: L. Goldie Smith Acreage: 2 lots = 1 Acre
4.	GLB 296/406	April 15, 1946	Grantor: J. Fletcher & Ella Hollis Hopkins Grantee: Mac Hill & Mary R. Edmonson Acreage: 1 Acre
5a.	JAR 164/233	June 2, 1919	Grantor: Wm. B. & Sallie McConkey Selfe Grantee: J. Fletcher Hopkins Acreage: "Phillips Purchase" = 51 42/100 P.
5b.	ALJ 61/177	January 14, 1888	Grantor: D. C. Wharton Smith & wife, Virginia T. Smith Grantee: Wm. B. Selfe Sum: \$1350 Acreage: 51 42/100 P.
5c.	ALJ 58/427	May 3, 1887	Grantor: Oliver C. & Annie M. Jourdan Grantee: D. C. Wharton Smith Sum: \$500 Acreage: "Phillips Purchase" = 51 42/100 P.
5d.	ALJ 53/40	November 13, 1884	Grantor: Frank D. & Jennie Duphorn Grantee: Oliver P. Duphorn Sum: \$800 Acreage: 51 42/100 P.
5e.	ALJ 46/17	July 31, 1882	Grantor: Miles Crow & Joseph James Grantee: Frank D. Duphorn Sum: \$140 Acreage: "Phillips Purchase" = 51 42/100 P.
6a.	WSF 122/455	November 16, 1907	Grantor: Edwin & Jessie M. Hopkins Grantee: J. Fletcher Hopkins Sum: \$250 - 1/2 interest in WSF 113/202 Acreage: 72 83/100 P.

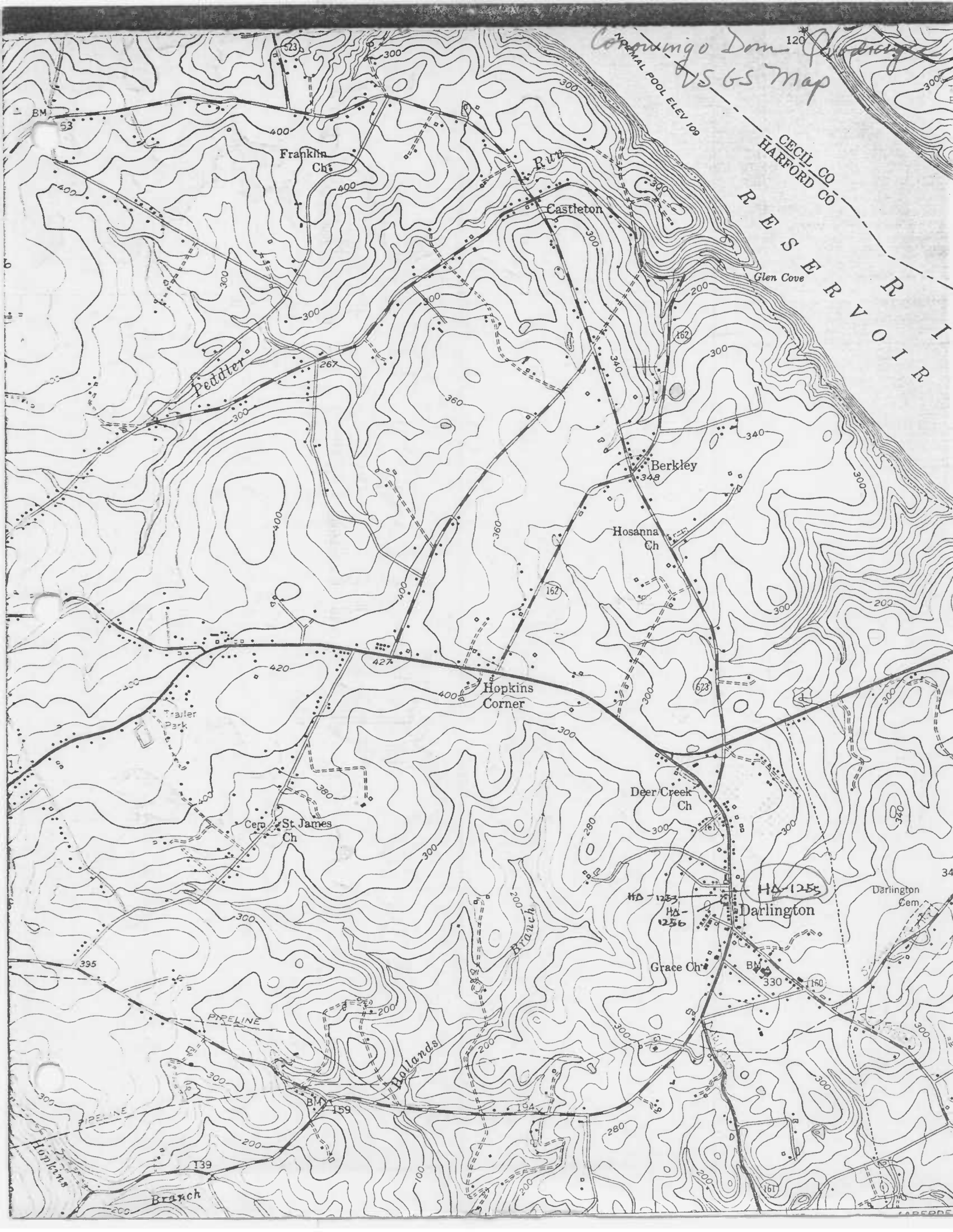
Title Search (Cont'd.)

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6b. WSF 113/202	May 31, 1904	Grantor: Ellen H. Dallam, widow Grantee: Edwin & J. Fletcher Hopkins Acreage: 72.83 P.
6c. ALJ 49/295	May 19, 1883	Grantor: Miles Crow Grantee: Ellen H. Dallam Sum: \$256.18 Acreage: 117 14/100 sq. p.
7a. WSF 120/36	April 10, 1906	Grantor: Thomas C. & Margaret A. Hopkins Francis J. & Annie E. Hopkins Samuel W. & Lucy M. Hopkins (brothers of Ellen Dallam, dec.) Grantee: J. Fletcher Hopkins Sum: \$1031 (see Transaction #6c)
8. WHD 17/177	February 27, 1866	Grantor: Oliver M. & Margaret S. Warfield Edward M. & Sallie E. Allen Amos Spencer Grantee: Miles Crow Sum: \$803.13 Acreage: 16A, 10P.
9. WHD 15/137(Mort.)	May 27, 1864	Grantor: Oliver M. & Margaret S. Warfield Grantee: Amos Spencer Sum: \$2000 Acreage: 28 Acres of "Phillips Purchase"
10. WHD 15/30	January 10, 1864	Grantor: Ann Stump, widow of Thos. C. Stump; Wm. Henry Stump, Frederick & Mary A. Stump Grantee: Oliver M. Warfield Sum: \$9010 Acreage: "Philips Purchase" = 180 A, 27 P.

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James Gosier House
1114 Main Street (MD 161),
Darlington
Harford County Dept. of
Planning map from aerial
photos taken March, 1990

The map shows a network of roads including Main Street (MD 161), Hollaway Road, Anderson Road, Swartz Road, Church Road, 5th Road, Darlington Road, Richmond Avenue, Shuresville Road, and Shuresville Road. A star is placed on Main Street near the intersection with Hollaway Road. Other labels include 'TRAPPE' and 'STAFF'.



Castlingo Dam
USGS Map

CECIL CO
HARFORD CO

RESERVOIR

Franklin Ch

Castleton

Berkley

Hosanna Ch

Hopkins Corner

St James Ch

Deer Creek Ch

Darlington

Grace Ch

Darlington Cem

PIPELINE

Hollands

Branch



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Darlington, MD 21034
Natalie Shivers
Southeast

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